

Amendments to the Claims:

This list of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A caddy for supporting a weapon, the caddy comprising:

a mounting bracket structured and arranged for mounting on a support structure;

a base member slidably mounted on the mounting bracket;

a coupling between the mounting bracket and the base member which permits both sliding and rotating movement between the mounting bracket and base member at a single point of connection between the mounting bracket and base member, wherein the base member slides and rotates in a substantially horizontal plane; and

a cradle member slidably mounted on the base member and structured and arranged for supporting the weapon.

Claims 2-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (previously presented): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the coupling comprises a bolt extending through the mounting bracket and a slot in the base member in which the bolt is slidable, wherein the base member is pivotable around the bolt.

Claims 5-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member is slidable in a substantially vertical direction when the mounting bracket is mounted on the support structure.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member contains a hollow section that slides over a substantially vertical section of the base member and allows the cradle member to telescope on the substantially vertical section of the base member.

Claim 11 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member is generally U-shaped.

Claim 12 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the cradle member comprises an elastic liner.

Claim 13 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, further comprising a strap on the cradle member for securing the weapon.

Claim 14 (original): The caddy of Claim 13, wherein the strap is detachable.

Claim 15 (original): The caddy of Claim 13, wherein the strap comprises an elastic material.

Claim 16 (original): The caddy of Claim 13, wherein the strap comprises holes for receiving pegs extending from the cradle member.

Claim 17 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, further comprising a mechanical fastener for mounting the mounting bracket onto the support structure.

Claim 18 (original): The caddy of Claim 1, wherein the support structure comprises a tree stand.

Claims 19-34 (canceled)

Claim 35 (currently amended): A hunting apparatus comprising:
a support structure; and
at least two caddies for supporting a weapon mounted on the support structure, wherein at least one of the caddies comprises:
a mounting bracket structured and arranged for mounting on a support structure;
a base member slidably mounted on the mounting bracket;
a coupling between the mounting bracket and the base member which permits both sliding and rotating movement between the mounting bracket and base member at a single point of connection between the mounting bracket and the base member, wherein the base member slides and rotates in a substantially horizontal plane;
and
a cradle member slidably mounted on the base member and structured and arranged for supporting the weapon.

Claim 36 (original): The hunting apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the support structure comprises a tree stand.

Claim 37 (canceled)

Claim 38 (previously presented): The hunting apparatus of Claim 35, further comprising a mechanical fastener for mounting the mounting bracket onto the support structure.

Claim 39 (original): The hunting apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the mechanical fastener comprises a bolt extending through a hole in the mounting bracket and a nut threaded on the bolt.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The hunting apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the mounting bracket is welded on the support structure.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The hunting apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the mounting bracket is rotatably mounted on the support structure.

Claims 42-43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (previously presented): The hunting apparatus of Claim 35, further comprising an elastic strap on the cradle member for securing the weapon.

Claim 46. (new): A caddy for supporting a weapon, the caddy comprising:
a mounting bracket structured and arranged for mounting on a support structure;
a base member slidably mounted on the mounting bracket;
a coupling between the mounting bracket and the base member which permits both sliding and rotating movement between the mounting bracket and base member at a single point of connection between the mounting bracket and base member, wherein the base member slides and rotates in a substantially horizontal plane, the coupling comprises a bolt extending through the mounting bracket and a slot in the base member in which the bolt is slidable, and the base member is pivotable around the bolt; and
a cradle member mounted on the base member and structured and arranged for supporting the weapon.

Claim 47 (new): A hunting apparatus comprising:

- a support structure; and
- at least two caddies for supporting a weapon mounted on the support structure, wherein at least one of the caddies comprises:
 - a mounting bracket welded on the support structure;
 - a base member slidably mounted on the mounting bracket;
 - a coupling between the mounting bracket and the base member which permits both sliding and rotating movement between the mounting bracket and base member at a single point of connection between the mounting bracket and the base member, wherein the base member slides and rotates in a substantially horizontal plane;
- and
- a cradle member mounted on the base member and structured and arranged for supporting the weapon.